

LUXBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Luxborough Parish Council held on 26 November 2025 at Luxborough Village Hall at 8.00 pm

Present: Cllrs D Powell (Chair), M Bolland, C Henson, G Tucker, S Pugsley (Somerset Council), Clerk: Mary Andrews

Public Question Time. One member of the public was present.

25/53 The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.08 pm.

25/54 Apologies for absence. A Sparling, F Nicholson (Somerset Council)

25/55 Declarations of Interest. No interests were declared.

25/56 Minutes of the meeting of 24 September 2025 and actions to report. Cllrs resolved to accept both sets of minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. (P: Cllr Henson, S: Cllr Powell)¹.

25/57 Chairman's Report. Chairman Powell reported SC Highways had still not come out to discuss the repair of the Pooltown bridge so it was agreed that the parish council would proceed with having the cosmetic repairs made using funds already available in our budget. (P: Cllr Bolland. S: Cllr Henson). He said he would approach Laurence Rye, a local stonemason, for a quote and Cllr Tucker said he would get a quote from a stonemason he knew in Porlock. Cllr Tucker agreed to make both of the replacement sign boards for the village, one to go outside the pub and the other to go in the village hall carpark. The Clerk agreed to liaise with ENPA to have them design and make a replacement information panel for the board going in the village hall carpark. Chairman Powell reported that some patching work to the annex road at the top of Vellars Lane had been carried out by SC Highways but there were still issues of drainage when it rains.

25/58 Update from Somerset Councillors. Cllr Pugsley reported the Emergency Plan meeting held in Timberscombe on 20 November was well attended by representatives from several Exmoor villages. This meeting was held to help local communities create emergency response plans to deal with situations like the one faced by Cutcombe and Weddon Cross when the bus crash occurred last summer. He commented the way roads will be treated in winter is changing and SC Highways will assess the treatment needs based on road temperature rather than air temperature. Cllr Pugsley confirmed that all the local salt bags and bins had been filled in preparation for this winter. He explained that the Boundary Commission final decision was still pending as they are still deliberation on the many responses they have received concerning the proposed changes. It is hoped that we will receive their final decision sometime in the Spring of 2026. A recent survey of housing needs on Exmoor has recently been completed and ENPA will be publishing the results soon. He commented that at the last LCN Highways meeting, the Forestry Commission sent a representative who was very helpful. That representative said the damage being caused to our local infrastructure by the large logging lorries is the fault of the logging contractors and not the Forestry Commission itself. Cllr Pugsley agreed to send the Clerk the name of the liaison officer from the Forestry Commission. The delay to the work at Nutcombe Bottom was discussed and Cllr Pugsley said the SC Bridges and

¹ P- Proposed. S – Seconded
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Structures Team was in charge of that work now. Unfortunately, it is not considered a high priority to them and we may be waiting a long time still for any repairs to progress and for the road to be reopened. He also reported that the Cutcombe Hill repairs would commence in the new year and that there would be a project to replace the traffic signals at the junction of the A39 with Dunster Steep around the same time.

25/59 Planning. The Clerk reported that discharge of Conditions 5 and 6 were approved for changes to the garage at Rose Bank House (6/20/25/002).

25/60 Highways 1.) Cllr Bolland reported the following proposed roadworks with closures scheduled in our local area and along the B3224: 10 Dec 2025, 24 Dec 2025 – 1 Jan 2026

25/61 Police The Clerk was asked to contact the Police Crime Commissioner as well as our local MP to see if we can have more resources put toward controlling raves in our local area as well as all of Exmoor.

25/62 Finance 1) To discuss 2026/27 Budget and Precept. Cllrs resolved to accept proposed budget/precept. (P: Cllr Bolland, S: Cllr Powell) 3.) Nov 2025 Schedule of Payments. Cllrs resolved to agree the Schedule of Payments (P: Cllr Waller, S: Cllr Tucker)

25/63 AOB None

Date of next meeting: **Regular Meeting Wednesday, 28 January 2026 at 8.00pm.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.13pm.

Schedule of Payments: Core Synergy Ltd £24.00, Somerset Community Foundation £340.0

Signed:_____.

Date:_____.

